

First Unitarian of NJ

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Sunday, July 12, 2020 - 5:00 PM- Meeting Held Via Zoom

Board Members in Attendance:

Chris Baglieri- President
Sarah Muller-Robbins- Secretary
Kim Mitchell- Trustees
Guen Zucker- Trustee
Denise Soppas- Trustee
Cass Cochrane- Trustee

Board Members Absent:

Mike Sutterlin: Vice President
Minister Rev Ann Marie Absent

Everyone checked in.

Reading of Board Covenant (Invocation): Chris

Chalice Lighting – Chris

Meeting Agenda

Motion to Approve: Guen, Seconded by: Kim
All Approved

Consent Agenda

President's Report (to include discussion of ordination of Maureen) and Approval of May 17th Meeting

Motion to Approve: Sarah
All Approved

President's Report

- a) Chris and Guen attended UUA virtual meeting. Chris will attend the zoom conference for Central East region. Chris will be attending CER meetings and connect to larger resources.
- b) The executive team (Chris, Mike, and Sarah) are working on administrative details to transition to new roles
- c) Family of Thomas Beltz requested memorial arrangements
- d) Maureen attended as Chris's guest. Maureen has been in dialogue about process for ordaining Maureen as a minister.

Chris moved to have the Board support Maureen to be ordained as a minister by the congregation.

Second: Denise
All Approved.

Action Items from May 17th Board Meeting were Reviewed

New and old items remaining to be completed are listed in Action items at end of minutes

Budget and Finance

Cass reviewed Statement of Financial Position. Statement Budget vs. Actual. At end of fiscal year, \$6,000 under expected for pledges. Otherwise stable. No real service auction this fiscal year, but \$4,000 left from last year's. \$7,000 under, a little more to be budgeted for supplies, (Chris added that Website maintenance will be slightly higher due to privacy legal requirements, Ann Marie will follow up). Under for music (since being virtual), overall total expenditures under \$3,000 or so. Our rental contract up in November- more info will follow.

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Status of Check-Ins with Board Members

Chris put request in newsletter- only two volunteers to be "COVID buddies". May explore other options.

UU Faith Action

Previously via email, Board approved UU Faith Action Budget and candidates Thomas Moran and Sarah Lenzi to the Board of UU Faith Action

Communication

Chris requested all First U communication to him go to firstuaction@gmail.com. For informational emails to Board, Chris requests response of receipt

Share the Plate Requests

- a) July – National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) – Mark Williams (approved via email prior to meeting)
- b) August – Angels for Action – Sarah Muller-Robbins
- c) September – ACLU Foundation – Sylvia Walker

Chris moved to approve Kim seconded,

All approved.

New Business

Chris proposed that the congregation to do more anti-racism work. Goal to develop structure and mission statement. Adopt a principle to adopt anti-racism work. Move to form a committee for an 8th principle committee. Denise to co-chair. Guen moved the Board to create a formation of an anti-racism working group, chaired by Denise, whose first report to the board will be UUA's history of working on an 8th principle. Denise seconded. All approved.

Board member responsible for August Board Meeting Chalice Lighting- Guen

Board minute speakers for August

- August 2: Chris
- August 9: Denise
- August 16: Kim
- August 23: Cass
- August 30: Guen

Next Meeting: August 9th

Action Items from Meeting

2. Sarah to follow-up with Angels for Action to confirm a speaker.

3. Sylvia/ Chris will ask Mike to see if he has been contacted by an ACLU representative to speak
4. Denise will reach out to Beacon regarding their implementation of the 8th principle
5. Chris will look into UUA history of trying to implement the 8th principle

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00 PM

Prepared By: Sarah Muller-Robbins